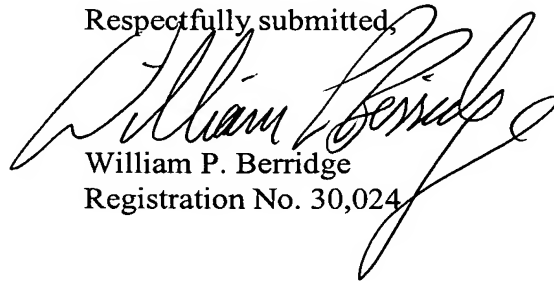


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 6, 8 and 10 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12 are amended to better conform with U.S. patent practice. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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